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**Kankakee United to Host Another Virtual Expungement Fair in Partnership with
Prairie State Legal Services and Kankakee County Renewed Opportunity**

Kankakee, IL – A fresh start can be a first step in breaking down the barriers for those who have been arrested or convicted. Though details can vary, almost every state has enacted laws that allow people to expunge arrests and convictions from their records.

Kankakee United will be hosting another virtual expungement fair from **Monday, March 22, 2021** through **Friday, March 26, 2021** on the City of Kankakee's website at www.ku.citykankakee-il.gov. Those who are interested will learn more about eligible criminal records that can be expunged and the next steps moving forward.

"We are excited to bring this back in 2021, and that our newest partner, Kankakee County Renewed Opportunity, will further assist with the expungement fair process. We would also like to thank Prairie State Legal Services for providing their services in another round this year," said Kankakee United City Lead, Linh Williams.

After the process is complete, typically an arrest or conviction does not need to be disclosed. While all records are not eligible to be expunged, this could benefit an applicant when filling out an application for a job or housing.

"Working to improve the lives of all residents remains a top priority in this administration. We will continue to share resources for our residents in an effort to reduce barriers and enhance opportunities throughout our community," said Mayor Wells-Armstrong.

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The City of Kankakee is dedicated to protecting, building, and nurturing the community while enhancing lives. We are a historic, vibrant, and active riverfront community. We continue to transform into an extraordinary place to dream, grow, and thrive. Embracing our diversity, we strive to be progressive, inclusive, and innovative. For more

information on the City of Kankakee, please visit the website at www.citykankakee-il.gov.